



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION
WORKFORCE EDUCATION AND
DEVELOPMENT DAY

WHEREAS: According to multiple publications, Georgia is the No. 1 state for business and more than 10.3 million individuals call Georgia home. A highly skilled and adequately prepared workforce is essential in growing Georgia's economy and maintaining this ranking; and

WHEREAS: Participation in workforce development initiatives, such as continued education and job training, help to improve a person's skills, competency, and relevancy in the marketplace. In Georgia, the HOPE Career Grant, the nationally-recognized Georgia Quick Start program, the Move on When Ready program, dual enrollment opportunities, and apprenticeship programs all play an important role in preparing our workforce and help us get skilled students into workplaces more quickly; and

WHEREAS: Constant and consistent learning and skill development provide a strong foundation for future success and may lead to more fulfilling employment opportunities. By the year 2025, more than 60 percent of the jobs in Georgia will require some form of postsecondary credential, making education and skills development essential for the future; and

WHEREAS: A well-trained and knowledgeable workforce is essential for ensuring optimal productivity and profitability. As the Gateway of Global Commerce for the Southeast region, Georgia reinforces and builds upon our reputation by investing in today's workers and those who will enter the workforce in the decades to come; and

WHEREAS: Prosperous businesses support causes, organizations, and the advancement of local communities. These corporations, organizations, and small businesses are helping to strengthen Georgia's economy by employing the most capable workforce in the state; and

WHEREAS: Georgia is committed to providing the resources needed to ensure businesses across the state continue to meet the demands of today's economic environment. By offering workforce development services, Georgia's job seekers are more easily connected with employers and provided the knowledge, skills, and experience required to gain meaningful job placement; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 1, 2017, as WORKFORCE EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 31st day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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